



## 'Party in the Park' a success!

By Lion Leah Meisch

A fun evening was enjoyed in LaMoure's Sunset Park Wednesday, June 16th despite the near 100-degree temps!

LaMoure Lions held a party in the park to celebrate the generosity of donors for our Sunset Park Revitalization Project. Community members of all ages, donors, LaMoure Park Board, LaMoure Mayor Kevin Willey and Lions 5NE DGE Joe Sowokinos were present for the event. Local musicians performed for the crowd, and a BBQ was served. Fun activities for all ages were available including frisbee golf, bubbles and chalk for the children, a scavenger hunt, basketball and of course, new playground equipment that was well enjoyed and full of activity!

A dedication ceremony was also held. Lion Dan Narum, Lion Caroline Homan and LaMoure Lions President, Mitch Carlson, all spoke about the park revitalization



Ribbon cutting ceremony with LaMoure Lions and LaMoure Park Board



Families enjoying the new play equipment.



5NE DGE Joe Sowokinos attended the event.



Community members listening to speakers.

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# 5NE Sparkled Brighter with Dads

By Crystal Dueker

In June 2020, planning any public event by Lions clubs was restrictive. Yet, as the new Service Chair of 5NE, I found a few Lions clubs preparing to do parades and community picnics under CDC guidelines. I created "Dad's for Dads"; a service project to add some fun in a safe way and coordinated with those clubs. You may remember the Lions clubs of Ashley, Linton, Medina, Napoleon, and Zeeland agreed to let me distribute Dad's Root Beer at their events and restaurants; with sparkling success.

Now a year later, more Lions clubs wanted to be active, so time to create a larger "Paw-Print" to celebrate Father's Day!

From A to Z; Dad's Root Beer bubbled from one event to another:

1. Ashley Lions-I delivered 4 cases to Sec. Kirk Rueb. He says the Lions gift of "FREE Dad's for Dads" display at his local grocery store was another hit, reporting that numerous father's gave a "Thank You" to the Lions.

2. Edgeley Lions-With the 100th Alumni Reunion in town, it was a great time to personally hand out Dad's to some of the father's, in the name of Edgeley Lions. Did you know that fellow Lion Gelaine Orvick from my Fargo Gateway Club, used to be

a teacher and coach in Edgeley? I found him inside the packed-full Hakuna Matata establishment, chatting with his friends.

3. Enderlin Lions-Thank you, Lion Maynard Torben-son, for your \$100 donation so a whole keg of Dad's could flow freely to the fathers at the local golf course.

4. The Fargo Gateway Lions celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 17th. As a member of the club, my gift to over 36 fathers was a bottle of Dad's as part of the centerpieces at each table.

5. Hazelton Lions served at the June 19th community picnic. Surpassing what we did last year, Treasurer Dean Weiss and I handed a cold Dad's to 120 fathers. The last bottle brought tears to a man's eyes as he told me about his daughter's recent medical ordeal. She had just arrived back home. He was there for 2 to-go lunches and would share his special gift with her.

6. Then off to La Moure, also June 19th, as Lions grilled up and sold almost 400 BBQ Chicken dinners at the Rededicated Sunset Park. Thank you, President Mitch Carlson, It was fun to hand out Dad's to all the fathers and help turn the grate full of chickens over the coals. One fellow said his gift from Lions was going home to a shelf in his man cave.

7. Linton Lions once again



sponsored Dad's for Dad's. Thanks Lion Mark Heidrich for using your restaurant, The Grill to hand out liquid joy on Father's Day.

8, 9, and 10. Mapleton, Medina, and Napoleon - Their Lions clubs gave the gift of Dad's to dads.

11. New Rockford Lions-PDG Rick Swenson and Club Sec. Kristi Swenson had to pick up their 20 full size liters in Grand Forks. Worth the effort to serve over 50 root beer floats at their town's gazebo in the park.

12. Oakes Lions invited me to their club's fish fry in the park. Another great way to share Dad's with Dads.

13. Zeeland Lions-Rather than just handout Dad's bottles again at their June 16th community picnic, Sec. Gary

Wolff, Lion Vivian Schaffner, and I made over 40 root beer floats.

With my Service team, it took one month of trips to 8 grocery stores and 3 hardware stores in 4 cities to accomplish this service project. In addition to hauling bottles to most of these towns in my red Mini-Cooper, a "Thank You" goes to PDG Katherine Tweed of Fargo Lions for picking up 12 cases (144 bottles of Dad's), to Fargo Gateway tail-twister Mike Little for donating 4 more cases, to PDG Dave Butler of Fargo Lions for 6 cases and to PDG Rick and Lion Kristi Swenson for helping with this project. Let's add another 400 faces to the Miles of Smiles!!

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project and the seven-year effort leading up to this public celebration. Two of our wonderful donors were Walt Spiese, a former LaMoure resident and pharmacist, and the children of donor Bob Alin were present – John, Cindy and Julie Alin.

A ribbon cutting ceremony with partners LaMoure Lions and LaMoure Park Board was held at the conclusion of the dedication ceremony. The ribbon cutting happened in front of the new brick array leading into the playground area. Bricks and benches were sold as a fundraiser for the project and are now on display for the public to enjoy.

The next phase of the Sunset Park Revitalization Project will be completed this summer which includes off-street parking, walking paths for exercise and better accessibility throughout the park. LaMoure Lions will now be assisting the LaMoure Park Board in raising funds to support a badly needed new pool. The future is looking bright at Sunset Park!



Musician Ben Nelson.



Local children selling cotton candy.

## Club News

### Kulm



On May 15th, the new Kulm Lions members were ready to serve with their club at a spaghetti fundraiser to help Kulm Mayor Dale Gackle with his medical expenses. Also a raffle for 5 \$50 meat bundles and a pie auction. Over 150 people attended. Left to right: Service chair Crystal Dueker (Fargo Gateway), Kulm president Harold Hagen, Andrew McDermid, Kathy Jacobson, Rick Schlecht, Florian Schnabel, Dillon Schnabel, Tony Berkley, and Steve Anderson.



At their April 20th meeting, Kulm Lions witnessed the induction of new members by DG Grant Kahlbaugh. Lion Tony Berkley stood in for Lion Vangie Kinzler to sponsor Kathy Jacobson; Lion Florian Schnabel sponsored his son, Dylan Schnabel; Lion Steve Anderson sponsored Rick Schlecht, Lion Bill Gackle sponsored Andrew McDermid.

# 5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

## JOE SOWOKINOS

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Wow, it has finally arrived. I am happy, humbled, and pleased to serve as your district governor (DG) for the 2021-2022 Lion's year. I want to thank Eunice Cameron, PID Rob Hill, and PCC John Emmett for their excellent training along the way. Appreciation also goes to PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer. She prepared the way for 20 DGE Lions to take the DG oath of office during the virtual, LCI Convention on June 29th.

I also want to thank everyone who has agreed to serve on my cabinet this year. Some key positions are still available. Please contact your zone chair or DG team if you desire to have a leadership role in our district. We are still seeking a dedicated Lion to step-up for the 2nd VDG position. We need to have a candidate in place by August-September so they can be considered at our State Convention in Watford City this October.

To have a successful year as your DG, I will need the support of Lions in each of our 52 clubs. Every Lion in our district is unique and important. We must remember our strength as Lions starts at the club level and travels up to the district,

not the other way around.

As we progress out of the shadow of COVID-19, I know clubs are still having issues. During this difficult time, our past Lions Clubs International (LCI) President, Dr. Choi, has encouraged clubs to reflect on their past successes, regroup, plan, and then act. Your DG team is committed to helping clubs improve by providing the resources they need to get back to where they want to be. Lions are very resourceful. We have had to find new, innovative ways to serve our communities and a virtual meeting platform was fast-tracked.

Our 5NEs district goals have been submitted to LCI. Our District Governor's Team (DGT) and our Global Action Team (GAT) looked ahead 3 to 5 years in establishing these goals. We could have set our goals low so we would be guaranteed to meet them. Instead, we set our goals high so we can celebrate our successes as we achieve them. These goals are available on the LCI website. If you desire, I can send you a copy.

Briefly, our goals are focused on: (1) re-establishing a ladder of leadership, (2) assisting clubs in reporting service hours (3) rejuvenating existing clubs and increasing membership satisfaction, (4) encouraging clubs to conduct a community needs assessment to find new and relevant service projects, (5) looking for communities where we can establish new clubs, whether it be a branch, specialty, Leo, or a full 20 member chartered club, and finally (6) increasing our individual and club support of LCIF and increasing the number of model and 100/100 clubs in our district.

Our success as a district is dependent on us collectively increasing our TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION between clubs, zone chairs and our district governor team. Virtual zone chair meetings will be conducted during the year. This will enable us to share our experiences and jointly assist each other in addressing issues that are common across zones.

Our first District 5NE Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for

August 14 at the ND Vision Services/School for the Blind in Grand Forks. It will start at 10 am and run until noon. The first week in August I will send an email requesting that cabinet reports be sent to Tracy Wicken, our District 5NE secretary.

The theme of our newly elected LCI President, Douglas Alexander is 'service from the heart'. He believes, "service to others is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on earth".

I look forward to meeting each of you during my year as DG. Have a great and safe Summer.

"Lions do magical things."



"Teamwork makes the dream work."

## Club News

### Glenburn



The June Burgers-in-the-Park hosted by the Glenburn Lions Club served as a fundraiser for medical expenses for 5 year old, Harris Olafson, who was injured in a farming accident and is continuing medical treatment. The event raised \$1000 for the Olafson family to support additional medical expenses.

## Club News

### Carrington and New Rockford



The Carrington and New Rockford Lions held their third annual Walk for Diabetes on June 2, 2021 at the Carrington City Park. A total of \$1,385.00 was raised and donated to CHI Diabetes Education. CHI Diabetes Educator, Brooke Fredrickson participated in the event and spoke on the importance of diabetes education and detection.

Lions Walk for Diabetes - Front row: Marilyn Nicholson, Jenni Wede, Brooke Fredrickson, Shelly Skytland, Cathy Paulson, Sharon Paintner and Tom Paintner. Back row: Rick Swenson, Lisa Wallace, Mary Gehrtz, Jodi Hirschert, Henry Simons, Colleen Semmens, Jackie Simons and Illa Zink.



Carrington Lions Treasurer presents a check for \$1,385.00 to CHI Diabetes Educator Brooke Fredrickson.

### Korner



The Korner Lions were serving the community last week by keeping the pavilion at the Upper Missouri Valley Fair neat and tidy for the patrons. The club provided 118 hours of service...awesome job Korner Lions!! Lions Kent Reiersen, Carolle Wells, Holly Leibrand

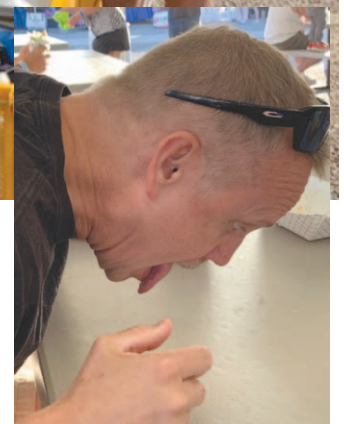


Top photo: Lions Lois Reiersen, Jackie Grubb, Michael Kiraicon and Dennis Grubb.

Right photo: Williston Lion Stuart Langager stopped by to help the Korner Lions clean tables at the pavilion.



Lions Michael Kiraicon, Roni Gravgaard, Kathy Molland, Sandy Hampton and Peggy Haga.





# 2021 ND Lions State Convention

October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

Watford City, North Dakota

**Convention Site: Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway**

## Convention Registration Fees

February 7 – July 31 - \$100

August 1 – October 22 - \$115

Day of Convention - \$130

## Meals Only (for guests, circle options)

Saturday Breakfast - \$15

Saturday Lunch - \$20

Saturday Dinner - \$30

## Questions Contact

Lion Lois Reiersen

701-770-1922

gramma\_lois@hotmail.com

*Mail Registration to: WC Lions Club, PO Box 1659, Watford City, ND 58854*

**(Please use a separate form for each registrant)**

\_\_\_ I need special vision accommodations

\_\_\_ I need special meal accommodations

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LION or GUEST (Circle One)

Preferred Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Teddy T-Shirt (Additional \$20)** Circle your T-Shirt size if you'd to like order one. S M L XL XXL XXXL

*Refund policy: E-mail your refund request to Lion Lois Reiersen (gramma\_lois@hotmail.com) no later than September 20, 2021. Registration fees are not refundable after September 20, 2021.*

## Lodging Information

Watford, ND

<https://www.visitwatfordcity.com/>

Roosevelt Inn and Suites • 600 2nd Ave SW • 842-3686 • Room Rate: \$89/Night. Room Block: Lions State Convention

Teddy's Residential Suites • 113 9th Ave SE • 842-6480 • Room Rate: \$89/Night. Room Block: Lions State Convention

Little Missouri Inn • 109 9th Ave SE • 842-6262 • Room Rate: \$89/Night. Room Block: Lions State Convention

Comfort Inn & Suites • 600 3rd Ave SW • 842-6565 • Room Rate: \$89/Night. Room Block: Lions State Convention

The Watford • 810 3rd Ave SW • 842-6800 • Room Rate: \$89/Night. Room Block: Lions State Convention

# *Rugby Lions* **CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT** **AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>**

RUGBY COUNTRY CLUB. DO NOT NEED TO BE A LION'S MEMBER TO PLAY  
OPEN TO BOTH MEN AND WOMEN

## **TWO MAN SCRAMBLE**

9:00 AM REGISTRATION  
10:00 AM SHOTGUN START

**ENTRY FEE \$60**  
**(\$120 Team)**

INCLUDES STEAK DINNER & TWO MULLIGANS

HOLE PRIZES ON ALL 9 HOLES INCLUDING:

HOLE IN ONE WINS

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★ **NEW \$50,000 PICKUP!**

★ **CLOSEST TO THE PIN CONTEST**  
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NEW SET OF IRONS @ THE GOLF CENTER OF GRAND FORKS

★ **\$100 HOLE PRIZES**

★ **CASH PAY OUT FOR 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE IN EACH FLIGHT**  
**6 TEAMS PER FLIGHT**



All funds will be used to support the Rugby Lions projects such as; Project Joy (Christmas), Dakota Eye and Tissue Bank, Leader and Service dogs and so much more. Pre-registration isn't required and can be completed on the day of the event.

RUGBY EAGLES CLUB - MAJOR SPONSOR

**TO REGISTER CALL: (701) 776-6917**

Hello fellow Lions. We are off and running with a new Lions year. I'm looking forward to the challenges of being the 5 NW District Governor. I have a great team, with 1st VDG Jeanette Bean and 2nd VDG Lynn Grabow. I'm also very thankful to those that have agreed to take on positions in the DG Cabinet. It is so rewarding to see Lions step up into leadership roles.

Speaking of leadership, how are your clubs doing with succession planning? 1st VDG Jeanette Bean did a great job with succession planning at the Spring Rally and at the MD 5 convention. This is such an important role for all clubs to work on. Who will be next to step up into leadership roles in your club? What are you doing to promote all club members to step up? As a Lion, we need to encourage our fellow Lions to take on leadership roles. If not, it will always be a frustrating subject for

clubs.

One of the many leadership classes I have participated in during my DG training was all about change! Dr. Willie Jolley was the guest speaker and he said, 'Change is Good When Your Attitude is Great!' There is so much truth to that. With the right attitude, we can accomplish almost anything. To lead, you must have a great, and inspiring, attitude. You need to believe in what you are attempting to accomplish and work as a team with your club to achieve the results you are looking for. Remember, there is no "I" in team! Teamwork is how the Ford Company was first built and I love this quote from Henry Ford "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success". Get others involved, and believing, and

you can achieve a lot.

As we look towards this upcoming year, as Lions, we need to be better tomorrow than we are today. To start building a better tomorrow, we need to start today. The "we" is all of us, not just a few members of our Lion clubs. Duration of membership, or service years behind us, is an excuse we hear for not helping. I don't like that excuse, it sucks! If your body is not able to work as hard as before, let your mind help. There is no reason that every Lion member can't offer something to a project. Good thinking can make or break any project, and we have a lot of experience to draw on with our Lions members, get everyone involved in one form or another.

Someone asked Helen Keller, is there anything worse than being blind? She

answered "yes, having sight but no vision"! Vision starts with a desire, then a commitment, planning, measurable goals and finally putting a plan into action. Some visions are more successful than others, but even small setbacks help plans in the long run. I do believe we are better to fail at something rather than not doing anything at all!

I look forward to serving 5 NW this coming year. My success will not be measured by what I do but on how successful you are as Lions. I will do everything I can to help you be successful. Enjoy your summer and have a wonderful time as a serving Lion.

## Celebrating New Voices for 2020-2021

**By Crystal Dueker**  
MD5 Coordinator

During the MD5 convention in May, it was an honor to be seated next to 5NW DG Kevin Bean in Bismarck. Together live on-screen, we announced the 2020-2021 class of New Voices. While this past year created a few hurdles, our Lions throughout Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota maintained their drive to hold fundraisers and invent new projects. WE SERVE where there is a need and we THRIVED as Lions, in spite of the pandemic.

Listed here are the New Voices nominees by category. New Voices nominees for

Service:

5NE--Lion Leon Comeau/  
South Forks Lions Club

5NW--Lion Karen Da Silva/  
Bismarck Lions Club

5SKS--Lion Kristin Hawkins/  
Swift Current Lions Club

5SE--Lion Brian Wasmoen/  
Redfield Lions Club

5SW--Lion Arlene Moll/  
Rapid City Metro Lions Club

5SKN--Lion Yvonne Pearson/  
Prince Albert Lions Club

New Voices nominees for  
Marketing:

5NE--Lion Noel Balderas/  
Davenport Lions Club

5NW--Lion Evan Romuld/  
Mandan Lions Club

5SKN--Lion George Pretli/  
Spiritwood Lions Club

5SKS--Lion Debbi Ross/  
Regina 35 Lions Club

5SE--Lion Meredith Clark/  
Viborg Lions Club

5SW--Lion Colleen Forkell/  
Ipswich Lions Club

New Voices nominees for  
Membership:

5SE--Lion Rita Pond/  
Aberdean Lioness Lions Club

5SKN--Lion Marianne Kramchynsky/  
Rosthern Lions Club

5NW--Lion Judy Beaudry/  
Washburn Lions Club

5NE--Lion Paula Swanson-Western/  
Fargo Lions Club

5SW--Lion Linda Vollmer/  
Newell Lions Club

5SKS--Lion Larry Mc-

Crea/ Regina Lakeside Lions Club

New Voices nominees for  
Leadership:

5NE--Lion Jodi Meisch/  
Mapleton Lions Club

5NW--Lion Brock Seibel/  
Beulah Lions Club

5SW--Lion Joyce Gibson/  
Rapid City Downtown Lions Club

5SE--Lion Paul Fixen/  
Brookings Lions Club

5SKN--Lion Wayne Chononis/  
Saskatoon Downtown Lions Club

5SKS--Lion Ann Barnsley/  
Katepwa Lions Club

For a copy of the complete report, contact Lion Crystal/  
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# Gateway Lions Club Awards Night

The Gateway Lions Club held their annual awards night, induction of new members and installation of officers on the night of June 17, 2021. President Darrell Costain started the evening with a few remarks, then proceeded to present some special awards. 22 members of the club got the 100 percent attendance award, 17 members of the club received a very nice "Certificate of Accomplishment" award. Lion Gelaine Orvik was named the Gateway Lions "Lion of the Year" for the 2020-2021 year. Lion Mike Little was presented the "Rookie Lion" award from MD5. Four Gateway Lions were awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow/Progressive Award. They are Crystal Dueker, Jolean Pederson, Brad Renslow, and Rob Leustro. Nodak Insurance will be awarded a "Special Recognition" Award during the Lions All Star Basketball Games for their years of commitment to the games. DG Grant Kahlbaugh helped to hand out and present many of these awards.

Next on the agenda, DG Grant inducted new members, Tyler Schwinghammer and Paul Nelson. New



New Members: Sponsor Darrell Costain with Paul Nelson, New member Tyler Schwinghammer with sponsor Scott Hildre.



Melvin Jones Fellows/Progressive Award recipients: Crystal Dueker, Rob Leustro, Jolean Pederson and Brad Renslow.

member Lion Joe Solberg was unable to attend as he is in the military at the present time. Next DG Grant Kahlbaugh installed the of-

ficers. The night was a truly a special night. The Gateway Lions Club not only was able to honor Lions for their ac-

complishments during the 2020-2021 year, but also set challenges for another great Lions Year in 2021-2022

## Napoleon



President Darrell Costain and Lion of the Year Gelaine Orvik



Napoleon Lion Lorraine Piatz distributes DAD's Root Beer in light of Father's Day to those who stopped by with their dad. L-R: Sorsha Fultz, Lorraine Piatz, Laurie Vetter, Jaxon Vetter and Glen Vetter.

# Gateway Lions Celebrate

The Gateway Lions Club of Fargo was chartered on January 6, 1961. If you do the math that means the club is 60 years old. The club wanted to have a 60th anniversary celebration in January, but the Covid-19 Pandemic took care of that. The club was finally able to hold their celebration on June 17. The evening started out with a social at 6:00 PM. The wonderful meal was served at 6:30 by the staff at Country Inn & Suites. The meal was concluded by a piece of 60th Anniversary cake and a special treat of Dad's Root Beer provided by Lion Crystal Dueker.

The program was started by a few words from President Darrell Costain. 2nd VDG Scott Hildre gave some remarks about the history of the Gateway Lions Club. A few of his remarks are as follows: 1) the club was chartered on January 6 1961. The Sponsoring club was the Fargo Lions Club; 2) the Gateway Lions Club sponsored the Centennial Lions Club and was later



60 years of Memorabilia.

renamed the Bi-Centennial Lions Club; 3) the Gateway Lions Club started the Lions All Star Basketball Games in 1976 (this year will be the 45th year of the games); 4) the Gateway Lions Club and the Bi-Centennial Lions Club merged in 2002. PCC Duane Zwinger continued giving some remarks regarding the Gateway Lions Club. His remarks were more about the

accomplishments of the club in the past few years. Some of the highlights include: 1) Membership has increased from low 33 members to a present total of 46; 2) the club will sponsor the Lions All Star Game for the 45th year in July (the games are the main fundraising project for the club); 3) the club donated about \$30,000 each year to various projects and organizations. The club gives most of this money during the State Convention "Parade of Greens" and "Giving Hearts Day" in February; 4) the Gateway Lions Club is a "Model Club" for LCIF, meaning we will donate \$500 per member to LCIF; 5) the club does many service projects during the year, two of them include the screening of children with the "Sight 4 Kidz" program and assisting parents/guardians to pay for exams and glasses if they are unable to afford them; 6) the club has won many awards the past few years: Club Excellence Award, Club of the Year for 5 NE and MD5, Scrapbook contest, Website contest for 5NE just to name a few

You can see by the accomplishments why the Gateway Lions Club is one of the



2nd VDG Scott Hildre presenting the history of the Gateway Lions

## Club News

### Korner



Korner Lions Stevie Broe, Kent Reierson, Holly Leibrand, Roni Gravgaard, Kathy Molland and Suzanne Eiken are gathered after grilling burgers in the park. The Korner Lions grill weekly on Tuesdays for Concert in the Park. The band is shown in the background.

GREAT Lions Clubs of MD5. At the 60th Anniversary celebration we had many visitors from around the state. Some included: PID Pat Vannett and her husband PDG Kevin Vannett, PCC Keith Zeutschel, PCC Arlen Fetch and his wife PDG Sherry Fetch, PDG Rick Swenson and his wife Kristi Swenson, PDG David Butler, 1st VDG Joe Sowokinos and his wife Janice Sowokinos, DG Grant Kahlbaugh and DG Kevin Bean and his wife 2nd VDG Jeanette Bean. The celebration was a great time and a true remembrance of times past and present.

# Club News

## Oakes



On June 15th the Oakes Lions had their annual fish fry at the park in Oakes. Lion Crystal Dueker attended the fish fry and brought some Dads Root Beer for the Lions. Everyone brought a dish

to pass and all had more fish and salads than could be eaten. We had 32 Lions and guests attend this year. The food was great, the weather was wonderful and all had a very nice evening.



Thanks again to Lion Dean Atkinson for working hard to catch enough fish to make the fish fry a success.

Lion Gary Schnell, President



On Friday, May 7th the Oakes Lions Club delivered 43 Carnation flowers to both the Good Samaritan Home and the Assisted Living Facility in Oakes, ND. They delivered to all the mothers living there.

Because of COVID-19 the Lions Club could not go into the facilities to deliver the flowers personally. The Lions Club put a flower into

each vase with a card from the Lions Club and left them in the entryway of the facilities. The staff then delivered the flowers to all the Mothers in the Home and the Assisted Living facility.

The Good Samaritan Home and Assisted Living Facility appreciated our efforts as well as the Mothers.

Lions President Gary Schnell



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[www.e-district.org/sites/5nw](http://www.e-district.org/sites/5nw)  
to see what's happening  
in your District 5NW

Reminder: ND Lion DEADLINE  
is the 7th of the month!

### Carrington



The Carrington Lions & Gate City Bank Al Larson Memorial 4 Person Golf Scramble was held at CrossRoads Golf Course in Carrington on Friday, June 11. Twenty-four teams participated in the scramble. Sack lunches and an evening meal were provided along with snacks on nine of the holes. Pictured (L to R) is the Dennis Freeman team, consisting of Dennis Freeman, Philip Partlow, Mike Geary and Dan Miller who shot a 58 to win the scramble. Wayne Shipman's team placed second and Greg Edland's team placed third.



Kitchen crew (L to R): Lions Lisa Weninger, Jenni Wede, Susan Farman, Kim Edland, Sharon Paintner, Marilyn Nicholson, and Shelly Skytland.



Pictured L to R: Tournament Manager Lion Karla Michealson, Score tabulators: Lion MaryAnn Zwinger, Jolean Pederson, Linda Erickson and Neil Pederson.

## Calling all Lions pin collectors

By Crystal Dueker  
Zone 6 chair

Believe it or not; there are still Lions throughout North Dakota who enjoy collecting Lions pins. If you are one of them, then you might be excited to know that the Edgeley Lions have over 330 pins on sale.

They are:

- one batch has 127 North Dakota state and club pins
- MD5 pins
- another batch has 42 states plus Washington DC
- many are from Saskatchewan and other Canadian provinces
- 9 from foreign nations
- North Dakota Celebrity Pins-Lawrence

Welk, Eric Severide, Roger Maris and Harold Schafer

We would like to sell all the Canadian pins as one unit. Also the foreign pins in a separate unit. We are willing to work with buyers on the rest, but will not sell single pins. They will have to pay postage."

The funds raised from these pins will be used toward Melvin Jones Awards from their club.

If you are interested, please contact Bill 701-709-0223 (billw@drtel.net) You can make an appointment to see the entire collection. Lions within 50 miles of Edgeley could easily make a trip.



By Treas. Diane Greiman: (top left) 1981 ND state pin, then (right) red Wishek Lions, (center) North Dakota Lions pin of an Indian chief bottom row: (left) Lion pin from Chester, Montana and (right) Reeder Lions 50th anniversary pin.

## New Rockford



The New Rockford Lions had the privilege and honor to serve lunch to a unit from the North Dakota National Guard. The opportunity presented itself during one of the units two-week annual training exercises, being held only 30 minutes from New Rockford. Our club was quick to jump at the chance to serve the women and men of our military. The club served hamburgers, hot dogs, with all the fixings plus beans, chips and cookies at no cost to about 160 National Guard members going through the line.



Pictured L to R: Lions Rick Swenson, John McKnight and Bruce Hirschert getting the grill ready to go for the National Guard member's lunch.

## Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. Recent Donations

### Lifetime Membership

John Clayburgh

\$300

By Grand Forks Lions Club

### Memorial

Arnold "Arnie" Fleck

By Ross Espeseth

*Thank you for your support of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota that makes it possible to support the work of North Dakota Lions Clubs.*

## Chaffee



At the June Chaffee Lion meeting, 1st VDG Joe Sowokinos presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Mark Dooley. Lion Mark is very active in his club, community and church.

Shown are the four Melvin Jones Fellows from the Chaffee Club. Lion Mark Levos, Lion Charles Albright, Lion Mark Dooley, Lion Arlo Anderson.

## 2021 State Convention in Watford City Rockin Steady with Teddy

The 2021 ND State Lions Convention is quickly approaching. The early registration deadline is July 31st so get those registrations in. The committee secured rooms at several motels for \$79 per night. We have a great line-up of FUN and informational breakout sessions.

**Friday night** – Teddy Roosevelt will welcome you to the convention and Dueling Pianos will keep you entertained.

**Saturday morning** – Fred Fridley Jr. has a great message to share.

**Saturday breakout sessions include** – ND School for the Blind, What's Happening in Oil Country, Diabetes Health and Wellness, Service Dogs for America, Dining in the Dark, Maah Daah Hey Trail, Global Membership Approach, NDAB and Camp Grassick, Technology and Lions, Sight 4 Kidz and Campaign 100.

**Hall of Fame Luncheon** - Lt. Governor Brent Sanford will be the speaker at the luncheon.

**ID Justin Faber will be our guest** - He will provide a Q & A breakout session and be the featured speaker at the banquet.

**Gene and Jessie Veeder** - will provide music for your entertainment and dancing pleasure after the banquet.

**GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN TODAY** because you don't want to miss out on this great convention!!

# MD5 Lions Convention Summary

By Lion Del Hager,  
Convention Committee Chair

When a small group of Lions from Grand Forks, District 5NE, began meeting in 2015 to plan the 2021 MD5 Lions Convention, little did we know that the end result would be anything like what we started out to achieve. We had bookings with the Alerus Convention Center and the Canad Inn Hotel; hospitality arrangements with the Greater Grand Forks Convention and Visitors Bureau; meetings with the MD5 Council of Governors; packets of planning information and reports to review from the Council and from previous convention hosts; and, attendance at MD5 Conventions between then and now. All with the idea of being the host District for an event that could bring perhaps 200 active and enthusiastic Lions to Grand Forks for three days of Lionism at it's best!

And then...the COVID 19 pandemic hit. The world as a whole changed and along with it, so did the Lions world. Keep in mind that the 2020 MD5 Convention scheduled by District 5SE to be held in Brookings, SD, was cancelled due to the pandemic. In October 2020, the Multiple District Council of Governors made the decision that we were to suspend our plans for a "live" convention and to move forward with a "virtual" convention. The border with Canada was closed to visitor traffic which meant that Lions from Saskatchewan would not be able to attend in person. Social distancing, mask wearing, limited crowd sizes and life-threatening health concerns became the new normal.

Basically, the convention planners had to completely

re-think how to coordinate and implement the various aspects of a Multiple District 5 Convention with the goal of holding on to the traditions of MD5 while presenting them in a new way. We believe we achieved our goal.

The Convention theme, "100 Years of Unity through Diversity" reflects the 100 years in which Multiple District 5 has been in existence. Unity and Diversity are cornerstone qualities of Lionism and are especially true in regard to our international relationships. This year we honored five Lions clubs who were chartered in 1921: Sioux Falls Downtown Lions, April 1, 1921; Fargo Lions, May 7, 1921; Bismarck Lions, September 2, 1921; Aberdeen Lions, October 8, 1921; and, Rapid City Downtown Lions, November 22, 1921. There were also Saskatchewan Lions Clubs that were part of a Constitutional Area chartered 100 years ago. We asked the Presidents of these clubs to submit a short video from five of their Lions to say something about what it means to be a Lion, especially in a club with 100 years of history. The recordings that we received were edited and put together by South Forks Lion Bryon Novotny into a professional video presentation.

The Service of Remembrance featured the reading by each District Governor of all the deceased Lions within the Multiple District for the past two years. There were 172 Lions on that list. We were honored to have Past International President Bill Biggs as the Eulogist.

The "100 for 100" ceremony led by Past International Director Robert Littlefield, was a new element this year. The goal of naming 100

Melvin Jones Fellowships or Progressive MJ Fellowships was far surpassed with the naming of 203 recipients.

The Red Jacket Ceremony took on a new twist by having each of the incoming District Governors appearing live in their home location, on Zoom. Council Chair John Emmett read the biographies of each individual.

Our International Guest and keynote speaker was Past International Director Robert Littlefield. He was introduced by Past International Director Pat Vannett. Lions Kathy Littlefield, Freda Hill and Audrey Reid were the authors of a new version of the Senior Councillor Social Awards program by adding a "roast" as a way to have a little fun. PID's Robert, Pat and Marvin Chambers announced the recipients of numerous awards, including Presidential Awards, given annually to deserving Lions. The Opening Ceremonies keynote speaker was internationally known entertainer Mark J. Lindquist. Three Club Training workshops were presented: Membership by PDG Sherry Fetch; Succession Planning by VDG Jeanette Bean; and, Lion Orientation/Re-orientation by DG Kevin Bean. The final two informational sessions were: New and Notable in Diabetes Care by Dr. Eric Johnson, Grand Forks; and, New Voices Celebration of Service by Lion Crystal Dueker and DG Kevin Bean. An evening Fun and Games

trivia event was led by Lion Roger Johnson, South Forks Lions of Grand Forks.

MD5 Council Chair John Emmett presided over the entire Convention and was a tremendous leader and friend throughout the year not only in convention planning but in all things associated with the Multiple District. CC John's final duty at the convention was to "pass the gavel" to the newly elected Council Chair, currently the District Governor for 5NW, Kevin Bean.

Finally, a special note of gratitude goes out to the three Lions who were most instrumental for making sure the technology was in place in order for the convention to run so smoothly. PDG Mel Olson was the key person who coordinated and gave leadership to each and every portion of this electronic event, never before attempted by the Multiple District. 5NW District Governor Kevin Bean and Lion Evan Romuld, Mandan Lions, were the final "pieces to the puzzle" who, with their experience, expertise and dedication, made it all possible. So much of the work is behind the scenes and goes unnoticed by viewers as we sit in our homes and participate in such a unique event. Hours and hours of planning go into making the final product. Mel, Kevin and Evan, THANK YOU! The Lions of MD5 THANK YOU! Job well done!

Reminder: ND Lion DEADLINE  
is the 7th of the month!



## REGISTRATION FORM

| Registrant 1 (please print)     |                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Registrant 2 (please print)     |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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### FULL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

- All inclusive (meals and entertainment - Thursday, May 12, 2022 6 p.m. to Saturday, May 14, 2022 9 p.m.)

No. of People  x \$225.00 per person = \$

### THREE WAYS TO REGISTER FOR 2022

- Cheques are to be made payable to **2022 MD5 Lions Convention**
- Credit card payment per transaction will include an additional **\$7.80 fee**

| 1. Mail form and cheque to:                                                          | 2. Email form and etransfer to:                  | 3. Credit Card Payment by phone, call: |
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| 2022 MD5 Lions Convention<br>Attention: Ted Skubovius<br>Box 37, Burstall SK S0N 0H0 | Attention: Ted Skubovius<br>tr.sku1950@gmail.com | Ted Skubovius<br>250-319-2829          |

**NOTE:** Refund of registration is possible until April 12, 2022 by request in writing to [tr.sku1950@gmail.com](mailto:tr.sku1950@gmail.com). Refunds will be considered after this date with a written approval by the Convention Committee.

### ACCOMMODATIONS - Reserve by March 12, 2022

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| <b>The Resort at Cypress Hills / 306-662-4477</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Various Room Types:</b> hotel, townhouse, cabin</li> <li><b>Room rates</b> vary from \$187.21 to \$324.19 per night</li> <li>60 rooms are reserved - book early</li> <li>Book hotel if you have mobility issues</li> </ul> | <b>Camping / 306-662-5411</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park for campsite information and reservations.</li> </ul> |
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**NOTE:** Saskatchewan Parks entrance fee at the gate per carload is: \$10.00/day, \$30.00/week, \$75.00 for annual. There is no park fee if a Saskatchewan resident in the vehicle is 65 years+ in age.

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